

Application No. 09/912,181
Amendment dated August 25, 2004
Reply to Office Action of February 25, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 22-28 are pending in the application. The Examiner rejected Claims 1-21 and objected to Claims 22-28. Claims 1-21 are hereby cancelled without prejudice.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-21 are hereby cancelled without prejudice, rendering moot the Examiner's provisional double patenting rejection thereof.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 102

Applicant hereby cancels all claims subject to the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection, rendering this rejection moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 103

Applicant hereby cancels all claims subject to the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection, rendering this rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 22-28 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended Claims 22-28 as suggested by the Examiner to place these claims in condition for allowance.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration is requested. Specifically, Applicant respectfully submits that the current application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time or payment of fee, Applicant hereby petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, BAKER & DANIELS.

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If any questions concerning this application should arise, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 260/424-8000.

Respectfully submitted,



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